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BEFORE THE CONTRACTORS BOARD

STATE OF IDAHO

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In the Matter of the Registration of:)

SPADE RANCH CONSTRUCTION,)

Registration No. RCE-17645,)

Respondent.)

Case No. CON-2008-139 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

FINDINGS OF FACT,

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND

RECOMMENDED ORDER

Having reviewed the Complaint and other documents in this matter, the Hearing Officer hereby enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Spade Ranch Construction ("Respondent") is registered with the Contractors Board ("Board") under Registration No. RCE-17645 to engage in the practice of contracting. Respondent's registration expired on July 11, 2007, and Respondent's registration was canceled as of July 12, 2007. Respondent has not renewed its registration; however, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2614, Respondent retains the right to renew its registration for up to five (5) years after cancellation by paying the required fees.

2. On March 31, 2009, a formal administrative Complaint was filed in this matter with the Board. Said Complaint is expressly incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

3. Copies of the Complaint, along with the Notification of Procedural Rights, were sent to Respondent on April 27, 2009, by means of the United States Mail, postage prepaid, both by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the most recent known address for Respondent:

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Spade Ranch Construction
Terry Spade, Vickey Spade, Brian Spade
1663 Sitting Bull Road
Sandpoint, ID 83864

4. The certified mail was returned to the sending office with the notation "unclaimed" by the post office, and the envelope containing a copy of the Complaint which was sent to Respondent by regular mail was not returned to the sending office.

5. The Notification of Procedural Rights informed Respondent that, under statutes and rules applicable to such proceedings before the Board, Respondent needed to file a formal Answer to the Complaint within twenty-one (21) days of service of the Complaint and that failure to timely file an Answer to the Complaint or otherwise defend against the action would constitute a default and would be sufficient grounds for proceeding administratively against Respondent's registration without the necessity of conducting a hearing.

6. On June 8, 2009, a Notice of Proposed Default Order and Default Order, along with another copy of the Complaint and Notification of Procedural Rights, were sent to Respondent by means of the United States Mail, postage prepaid, both by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, at the following address:

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7. Respondent failed to contest entry of the proposed Default Order within seven (7) days of service of the Notice of Proposed Default Order.

8. Concurrent herewith, a Default Order was entered against Respondent. Therefore, the allegations contained in the Complaint on file in this matter are admitted as true without the necessity of conducting a hearing.

9. As detailed in the incorporated Complaint, Respondent did do the following:

a. On or about June 22, 2006, prior to registering with the Board on July 11, 2006, Respondent prepared a proposal to build a 24'x36'x19'4" post frame building with a 12'x36'x10'4" lean-to on each side for E.B. and J.B. for \$45,674. The structure was to be used as a residence.

b. On or about June 22, 2006, E.B. and J.B. paid Respondent \$34,100 for materials and 50% labor. On September 3, 2006, E.B. and J.B. paid Respondent an additional \$5,382 for a concrete slab.

c. Respondent worked on the building between approximately August 1 and September 29, 2006.

d. On September 29, 2006, an engineer hired by E.B. and J.B. inspected the progress of the building and suggested solutions to numerous deficiencies that were not according to plans, including, but not limited to: posts out of plumb, half the required roof framing was missing, substandard connection of critical structural elements, weathered dimensional lumber, twisted posts and protruding nails. Respondent then walked off the property and refused to return to repair and complete the project.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As a registered contractor in the State of Idaho, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and to the provisions of title 54, chapter 52, Idaho Code.

2. The Complaint was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address on file with the Board. Respondent was duly and lawfully given notice of proceedings against its registration pursuant to the provisions of IDAPA 04.11.01.055.

3. Respondent's failure to plead or otherwise defend in this action authorizes the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5242(4) and IDAPA 04.11.01.700, to enter an Order of Default which is as lawful as if all the allegations in the Complaint were proved or admitted at a hearing.

4. Respondent's acts as described in the Complaint constitute grounds for discipline against Respondent's registration to practice contracting under the laws governing the practice of contracting in the State of Idaho, specifically Idaho Code §§ 54-5204(1) (unlawful to engage in contracting or hold oneself out as a contractor unless properly registered), 54-5215(2)(a) (contractors shall not violate the Idaho Contractor Registration Act), and 54-5215(2)(h) (contractors shall not engage in conduct which substantially fails to meet the generally accepted standard of care in the practice of construction).

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, it is the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the Board take such action as it deems appropriate consistent with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above.

DATED this 19th day of June, 2009.



Paul S. Penland
Hearing Officer

NOTICE OF DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

This is a recommended order of the Hearing Officer. It will not become final without action of the Board. Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of this recommended order with the Hearing Officer issuing the order within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order. The Hearing Officer issuing this recommended order will dispose of any petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Idaho Code § 67-5243(3).

Within twenty-one (21) days after (a) the service date of this recommended order, (b) the service date of a denial of a petition for reconsideration from this recommended order, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration from this recommended order, any party may in writing support or take

exceptions to any part of this recommended order and file briefs in support of the party's position on any issue in the proceeding.

Written briefs in support of or taking exceptions to the recommended order shall be filed with the Board. Opposing parties shall have twenty-one (21) days to respond. The Board may schedule oral argument in the matter before issuing a final order. The Board will issue a final order within fifty-six (56) days of receipt of the written briefs or oral argument, whichever is later, unless waived by the parties and for good cause shown. The Board may remand the matter for further evidentiary hearings if further factual development of the record is necessary before issuing a final order.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

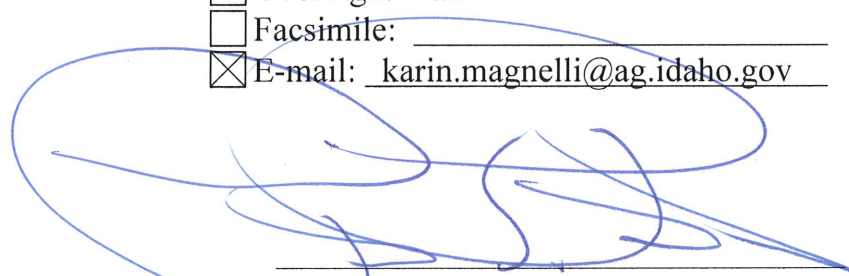
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19th day of June, 2009, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

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Sandpoint, ID 83864

- ☒ U.S. Mail
- ☐ Hand Delivery
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Karin Magnelli
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